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ALMA

The 97th scholastic year of Alma College opened with 129 theologians. In the 1st year there are 14 from Oregon, 19 from California, and one from Mexico, Mr. Martin Aguilar. Mr. Luiz Serrano, of the Central Brazil Province, enters 3rd year.

Sept. 10. Mass of fthe Holy Ghost. Fr. Rector celebrated the Mass with Fr. Casey as deacon and Fr. Healy, subdeacon. The Profession of Faith followed the Mass.

While Br. Skelly was in retreat, the Scholastics and 4th year Fathers helped as second cooks. Theologians continue to help in the kitchen and refectory, and have recently taken over the building maintenance, sweeping halls, etc.

Br. Wallace acted as sacristan at Santa Barbara, while Br. O'Brien was away for retreat.

Sept. 12. The crash of an accident on the highway was heard in the refectory. Fr. Minister sent Frs. Huesman, Charlton and F. Harrington to offer aid. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Mr. Regimbal has instructed most of the 1st year men in Airplane Identification, adding some 20 men to the Spotters' Staff.

Fr. Werts gave the community a report in the form of an exhortation on the ISO West Baden Convention.

Sept. 18. The theologians organized an ISO program for Alma.

Sept. 19. The Theologians defeated the Juniors by a score of 9 to 6, in a baseball game at Los Gatos.

El Retiro has sent a special vote of thanks to Fr. Rector and to the Theologians for the very great help given during the summer Laymen's Retreat at the Retreat House. The Theologians came when the house was in extreme need of help, and when the pressure of work was hardest. The retreatants were deeply impressed by the young men. One retreatant wrote among other things: "One of the lasting impressions I received from the retreat came from . . . the Seminarians. I have often thought that if God wants the last of my children in His service, there could be no better place for him than in the Society of Jesus."

LOYLOA UNIVERSITY

The Catholic Alumni Association generously donated missals for all the Catholic soldiers in the ASTU at the University. A gradually increasing group of soldiers goes to communion daily.

Mr. Patrick Shaules, Sodality Moderator for t he civilian students is organizing a Sodality among the soldier students.

John Charles Thomas, famous Metropolitan Opera star, gave a warmly applauded concert for the faculty, resident students and soldiers.

A series of lectures on the Mass has been started for the resident students.

Francis Schneiders, former Loyola student, has won his fourth Distinguished Flying Cross.

LOYOLA HIGH

Fr. Rector was greatly assisted by Fr. Donohue in the busy task of registration. It is expected that there will be over 800 students.

Fr. Gerald Flynn gave a talk on the ISO West Baden Meeting, both at Loyola High and at Loyola University.

Fr. Ransford was disappointed in his application for a chaplaincy with the armed forces. A defect in eyesight made the examiners set him aside. He is a math teacher at Loyola High.

LOS GATOS

Fr. Brusher supplied a few weeks in Monterey; Frs. St. Sure and Burman in Los Angeles.

Aug. 17-26. Minor Vacation at Villa Joseph. Fr. Doerge was Superior.

Aug. 27. Schola Brevis.

Sept. 3. Richard L. Loftus entered from Prescott, Ariz.

Sept. 7. Sixty members of the community gave blood to the Los Gatos Red Cross.

Sept. 9. Schola Brevis Picnic at

Lower Lake.

Sept. 12. Fr. Collins returned from the West Baden meeting and Catholic Action School.

Sept. 16. Grape season began.

Fr. Largan teaches the Novices Latin.

To date there are 25 first year scholastic Novices, and one first year coadjutor Novice. The Brother began his novitiate May 1. The Scholastics began: Feb. 1, 1; Feb. 10, 8; Feb. 17, 2; July 1, 5; Aug. 14, 8; Sept. 3, 1. There would have been 26, but one left. As there are 24 second year scholastic Novices, the total is 49.

The catalogue totals for Los Gatos are: Priests 12; Scholastics 92; Coadjutors 17, Total 121.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sept. 11. The community and a great number of friends attended the solemn requiem offered in St. Ignatius for Fr. John Murphy.

Fr. Gleeson preached the annual retreat for the Ladies' Sodality.

Fr. Cody preached at the Mass of the Holy Ghost for the opening of the high school classes.

Fr. Bradley is still in the hospital.

One of the new Liberty ships was named in honor of James D. Phelan, an alumnus, former Mayor of San Francisco and U. S. Senator.

High School Registration

4th yr., 175.
3rd yr., 163.
2nd yr., 197.
1st yr., 240.

It was necessary to close registration for first high on July 5, when 230 had enrolled. A few more were added later.

The "Don Patrol," a mimeographed four page paper, is sent to former students of the University, now with the armed forces. It was started by a young man, classed as 4F, who was anxious to do something for his classmates. The alumni then helped finance it and made it more extensive in scope. The acclaim has been universal; answers have come from all fighting fronts.

Fr. Mootz starts his 20th year teaching ethics to nurses; 5 years were at O'Connor Sanitarium, San Jose; 15 at St. Mary's School of Nursing. This year he begins a course at St. Joseph's Hospital. This is his 13th year teaching at San Francisco College for Women on Lone Mountain.

Fr. Peter Dunne wrote Aug. 23 from Buenos Aires. There were 24 straight days at sea going there. He will remain there until December doing research in the archives. Fr. Rossi flew from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro. In December, Fr. Dunne will join him there.

BELLARMINE PREP

Sept. 21. Class started with 400 in attendance. There are 97 boarders. Ten more students are expected, of whom four will be boarders.

Just as school started, Fr. Ralph on account of an infected jaw had to be sent to the hospital. A substitute teacher was needed immediately.

SANTA CLARA

Aug. 24. The 92nd Academic Year of the University was opened by the Mass of the Holy Ghost, at which the President gave a short talk. Because many of fthe faculty were occupied in ASTP classes, the Mass was not solemn.

Civilian School Registration

Freshmen	60
Sophomores	18
Juniors	11
Seniors	18
Total	107

Interest in extra-curricular activities seems to be in inverse proportion to the small number of civilian students. The Sodality, Sanctuary Society, Debating, Choir, Glee, and also Intra-mural Sports are well under way.

The "Santa Clara," campus newspaper, to which the Army students also contribute, will be published only biweekly, while "The Owl," quarterly literary review, has been discontinued for the duration.

Sept. 8-10. The annual retreat given by Fr. Ring was well received.

Fr. James Deasey is preparing for his commission as a Navy Chaplain. His duties as Dean of Men will be taken over by Fr. Walter Schmidt, who will also direct the Sodality.

Fr. Cyril Kavanagh arrived safely at his destination overseas.

Four new professors have been added to the Engineering Staff to care for the Army program.

Two new flags, the American and the California Bear Flag, recently donated to the University, adorn the lobby of the Administration Building.

The front of the "Ship," historic campus theatre, is being cleaned and repainted.

Sept. 3. The Army Specialized Training Unit completed its first term of 12 weeks. During the ten days' furlough between terms, most of the boys sped home. Sept. 12, the new term began.

At present about 330 soldiers are registered; more are expected to fill the

quota of 375. About 19 new men are beginning their first term.

Out of last year's student body of 540, approximately 460 are now in the service. Sept. 9. At Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 22 Santa Clara graduates received their commissions as second lieutenants in Field Artillery. The ROTC men of last year's Junior Class are expected to return to school soon as members of the ASTU.

Sept. 16. The first big check came from the Government to cover the expenses of the Santa Clara Army School. These checks will come regularly from now on. Up to the present, the University had to meet the large outlay.

VARIA

The new Masses "Reginae Societatis Jesu" and the offices will be distributed shortly.

Sept. 13. The Sisters' High School in Phoenix opened with 16 pupils. Fr. Daze hoped to have 25 shortly. The high school is a new venture; it has opened with first year, and plans to expand gradually to a complete high school.

St. Joseph's Grammar School, San Jose, has 100 new pupils. The total is 410.

Fr. Roccati went to Tacoma to give an Italian Mission for Fr. Biagini. The doctor found Fr. Roccati very unwell and urged the cancellation of the Mission. To this Fr. Roccati would not agree. After the exercises, he had to go to the hospital in Portland for treatment.

Fr. Biagini has greatly improved St. Rita's Church in Tacoma. The building has been renovated to the sum of $8000, the money for which was provided by the congregation.

The Long Retreat at Pomfret, where Frs. Parrish and Scannell are making their tertianship, began September 13. The Tertians number 39.

Fr. Parrish did some "slumming" in New York City, saw the pale faces of very poor children, visited the establishment of Dorothy Day, and was invited to return some day and give a retreat to the under-privileged.

Fr. Jack Duston is one of the three priests sent by New England to work in the San Diego Diocese. His sister is a Carmelite nun in San Diego. He is to be an auxiliary chaplain for the armed forces.

Fr. Bassett spent September as an assistant at St. Bernardine's Church in San Diego. He was also an auxiliary chaplain with three Masses to say on Sundays in a large base camp, five miles from town.

Special Students.

Fr. Kropp, Greek, Univ. of Toronto.
Fr. D. McGloin, Pholosophy, Univ. of Toronto.
Fr. Martin, Education, Fordham Univ.
Fr. V. O'Sullivan, Latin, St. Louis Univ.
Fr. Prendiville, Dogma, Immaculate Conception, Montreal.
Fr. Reed, Biology, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore.

Special Studies in Summer.

University of California.
Mr. Bain, History.
Univ. of Southern California.
Mr. Plushkell, Polit. Science.
U.C.L.A.
Mr. Pettid, History.
Mr. Playcust, Classics.
Stanford.
Fr. Cahill, Greek.
Fr. Kropp, Greek.
Mr. John Geary, Greek.
Mr. Joseph Geary, Greek.

Catalogue Totals.

The following figures are estimated, a sall the copy for the catalogue has not been received as yet.

	Sac.	Schol.	Coad.	Univ.
Curia	4			4
Chaplains	17			17
Alma	48	96	10	154
El Retiro	5		2	7
L. U.	17	7	2	26
Loy. High	17	15	3	35
Bl. Sacr.	5		1	6
St. Andrew's	1			1
Los Gatos	12	92	17	121
Phoenix	5			5
San Diego	4			4
Guadalupe	2			2
Negroes	1			1
S. F.	36	18	5	59
Bellarmine	10	8	1	19
St. Joseph's	4		1	5
St. Mary's	2			2
H. Family	3			3
S. Barbara	5		1	6
U. S. C.	22	4	6	32
St. Clare's	2			2
Extra Prov.	63	64	..5	132
	285	304	54	643
Ex aliis	39	43	1	83
	246	261	53	560
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Augmentum	-|-20	-|-2	—1	-|-21

Fr. Hanlon reports some 150 priests were at the West Baden ISO meeting. In the inside rotunda, 25 altars were arranged for Mass. The list of attend-

ance gives the names of Frs. C. Carroll, Christoph, J. Corrigan, F. Corkery, Peronteau, Weller, as well as V. R. Fr. Robinson, from Oregon. As various Fathers will report on the meeting, we will make no comments.

Fr. Paul O'Brien is living with Bishop Yu Pin in Washington. The Bishop wanted him to take residence at Carroll House, where live our special students who attend the Catholic University. Fr. O'Brien preferred to live with the Bishop. For company, Fr. O'Brien has five Chinese servants. He has the very distinguished visitors. He reports that a Japanese ship sailed from Japan with prisoners, and hopes that our Mission Procurator may return.

CHAPLAINS

Fr. Giambastiani made a hurried rush from camp to embark, hoping to reach the gang plank before it was pulled in. Crowded transportation conditions which give priority to materiel over personnel, have delayed him.

Fr. Carr had a visit from Fr. Prendiville. Fr. Carr met the 9:30 p.m. train which came at 11:30 without Fr. Prendiville, who arrived 24 hours later!

Fr. McGrorey sent us his overseas address, as A.P.O. 7126, N. Y.

Fr. Deasy will be a Navy Chaplain.

Fr. O'Mara sent his reports for August and July.

Fr. Kelly is at N.T.S., Bainbridge, Md.

Fr. Crowley is expecting to move to another outfit.

Fr. Maginnis should by this be back at Longview, Texas.

FR. JOHN A. MURPHY

1910 —June 3, b. in San Francisco of John A. Murphy and Helen O'Brien.

1929 —Aug. 2 , entered Los Gatos.

1929-31—Novice, Los Gatos.

1931-33—Junior, Los Gatos.

1933-34—1st yr. phil., Santa Clara.

1934-36—2nd-3rd yr. phil., Spokane.

1936-38—Regent, S. I. H.

1938-42—Theol., Alma.

1941 —June 7, ordained in S. F.

1942-43—Taught in S. I. H.

1943 —Aug. 3, Tertian at Port Townsend.

1943 —Aug. 2 6, drowned at P. T., in 34th year of life, 15th in the Society.

Fr. Leo Martin, the Tertian instructor, gave the following details of the death:

Fr. Murphy started tertainship with great earnestness. He went through the first week of the retreat splendidly. I visited him every other day; his sentiments were those of a real Jesuit at his best, during this important time. On the "break day" between the first and second weeks of the retreat, he was very happy during the noon recreation. At noon he told Fr. Lucy he was going out for a walk. No one missed him at supper or recreation. An empty chair was noticed at points, but as there is some shifting of places, no one connected him with it. Next morning he did not appepar for Mass; so a search party made a thorough search of the beach where the tertians usually swim. At noon practically the whole community joined the search and combed the woods to the west and north of the house. On the third day, Saturday, the search continued. Early in the afternoon Frs. Silva and Tobin, searching independently, found the clothes on the beach about two miles away. His breviary was there. A little girl said Fr. Murphy had come that way on Thursday afternoon, and had asked if it would be alll right to swim further up the beach. Later she saw him reading. That was the last seen of him. The place is near some floating logs. It is thought that he fell between them and was bumped so that he could not reach the surface. Everything points to accidental drowning. The sheriff, tertians, and U. S. Coast Guard searched the bottom but failed to find the body. The tide had flowed out twice between the swimming and the finding of the clothes; these waters have many strong and unpredictable currents.

Fr. Daniel Lord announced the death of Fr. Murphy at the West Baden ISO meeting, when all present arose and prayed for the deceased. Next morning many of the priests said Mass for Fr. Murphy.

To date the body has not been found. A Solemn Requiem was sung in St. Ignatius, San Francisco, two weeks after the death.

DEATHS

In Spain, brother of Fr. Pena.

In Ireland, brother of Fr. Eugene Toner.

In an air-crash, nephew of Fr. Duce.
In Flagstaff, aunt of Fr. Daze.